

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1-22, 37-39, 65-69, 84-87 and 91-98 have been canceled, without prejudice, to place the application in condition for allowance.

The allowed claims 23-36, 40-64, 70-83 and 88-90 are pending. Claim 88 has been amended to include the details of claim 87, from which it depended. No new matter has been added.

Attached is a PTO 1449 Form listing JP 59-095991 and U.S. Patent No. 6,645,385, which are of record in the parent patent (U.S. Patent No. 6,896,800), as well as the parent patent. Further copies of the references are not believed to be required as copies are contained in the Patent Office records. Moreover, a fee is not believed to be required for consideration of the references as it is understood from MPEP § 609 that the Examiner has already considered the references and the attached is only required to have the same listed on the face of any patent issuing from the present application.¹ A fee is not believed to be required for return of an initialed copy of the attached PTO 1449 Form however in the event a fee is required, the Office is

¹ Continuation Applications *, < Divisional Applications, ** or Continuation-In-Part Applications Filed Under 37 CFR 1.53(b)

The examiner will consider information which has been considered by the Office in a parent application when examining (A) a continuation application filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b) ** (B) a divisional application filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b) ** or (C) a continuation-in-part application filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b). A listing of the information need not be resubmitted in the continuing application unless the applicant desires the information to be printed on the patent.

If resubmitting a listing of the information, applicant should submit a new listing that complies with the format requirements in 37 CFR 1.98(a)(1). Applicants are strongly discouraged from submitting a list that includes copies of PTO/SB/08 (PTO-1449) or PTO-892 forms from other applications. A completed PTO/SB/08 or PTO-1449 form from another application may already have initials of an examiner and the application number of another application. This information will likely confuse the record. Furthermore, when the spaces provided on the form have initials of an examiner, there are no spaces available next to

authorized by the attached Transmittal Letter to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 14-1140 for any missing and/or deficient fees. Return of an initialed copy of the attached PTO 1440 Form is requested.

The specification has been amended to include a cross-reference to the parent application, as required by Rule 78. As the Patent Office Filing Receipt acknowledges the parent application and the relationship between the applications, nothing further is believed to be required in this regard. The Office is requested to advise the undersigned however if otherwise.

Acknowledgement of receipt of a certified copy of the priority document in the parent application Serial No. 10/133,641 is requested.

Acceptance of the drawings, or specific objection or rejection of the same, is requested.

Claims 21 and 22 have been canceled, without prejudice, to advance prosecution by making moot the Section 102 rejection of claims 21 and 22 over WO 00/78402 or U.S. Patent No. 6,656,722. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

The application is submitted to be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is requested.

The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned in the event anything further is required in this regard.

the documents listed for the examiner of the subsequent application to provide his or her initials, and the previously relevant initials may be erroneously construed as being applied for the current application.<

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